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***Riisea* and *riisei* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860 (Cnidaria, Anthozoa): conserved as the correct original spellings of generic and specific names based on the surname Riise**

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Anthozoa; corals; *Riisea*; *Carijoa riisei*; *Thalamophyllia riisei*.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers it is hereby ruled that:
 - (a) the correct original spelling of the generic name *Rusea* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860 is *Riisea*;
 - (b) for the following specific names:
 - (i) the correct original spelling of *rusei* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, as published in the binomen *Clavularia rusei*, is *riisei*;
 - (ii) the correct original spelling of *rusei* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, as published in the binomen *Desmophyllum rusei*, is *riisei*.
- (2) The name *Riisea* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Riisea paniculata* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology (spelling emended by the ruling in (1)(a) above).
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *paniculata* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, as published in the binomen *Rusea* (sic) *paniculata* (specific name of the type species of *Riisea* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860);
 - (b) *riisei* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1960, as published in the binomen *Clavularia rusei* (spelling emended by the ruling in (1)(b)(i) above);
 - (c) *riisei* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1960, as published in the binomen *Desmophyllum rusei* (spelling emended by the ruling in (1)(b)(ii) above).
- (4) The name *Rusea* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860 is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology (ruled in (1)(a) above to be an incorrect original spelling of *Riisea*).
- (5) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *rusei* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, as published in the binomen *Clavularia rusei* (ruled in (1)(b)(i) above to be an incorrect original spelling of *riisei*);
 - (b) *rusei* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, as published in the binomen *Desmophyllum rusei* (ruled in (1)(b)(ii) above to be an incorrect original spelling of *riisei*).

History of Case 2940

An application to conserve *Riisea* and the specific names of *Clavularia riisei* and *Thalamophyllia riisei*, all of Duchassaing & Michelotti (1860), as the correct original

spellings of names first published as *Rusea*, *C. rusei* and *T. rusei* was received from Dr Frederick M. Bayer (*National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.*) and Dr Manfred Grasshoff (*Forschungsinstitut und Museum Senckenberg, Frankfurt am Main, Germany*) on 13 June 1994. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 54: 11–13 (March 1997). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1997 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 54: 12–13. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1998 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 21: Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Cocks, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kabata, Kerzhner, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahner, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Papp, Patterson, Savage, Song

Negative votes — 1: Štys.

No votes were received from Dupuis and Schuster.

Cogger and Ride were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and Official Indexes by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

paniculata, Riisea, Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, *Memorie della Reale Accademia delle Scienze di Torino*, (2)19: 294. (Also issued as a separate, p. 18).

Riisea Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, *Memorie della Reale Accademia delle Scienze di Torino*, (2)19: 294 (Also issued as a separate, p. 18) (incorrectly spelled as *Rusea*).

riisei, *Clavularia*, Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, *Memorie della Reale Accademia delle Scienze di Torino*, (2)19: 310 (Also issued as a separate, p. 34) (incorrectly spelled as *rusei*).

riisei, *Desmophyllum*, Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, *Memorie della Reale Accademia delle Scienze di Torino*, (2)19: 337 (Also issued as a separate, p. 61) (incorrectly spelled as *rusei*).

Rusea Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, *Memorie della Reale Accademia delle Scienze di Torino*, (2)19: 294 (Also issued as a separate, p. 18) (an incorrect original spelling of *Riisea*).

rusei, *Clavularia*, Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, *Memorie della Reale Accademia delle Scienze di Torino*, (2)19: 310 (Also issued as a separate, p. 34) (an incorrect original spelling of *riisei*).

rusei, *Desmophyllum*, Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, *Memorie della Reale Accademia delle Scienze di Torino*, (2)19: 337 (Also issued as a separate, p. 61) (an incorrect original spelling of *riisei*).